

POLICY

The juvenile justice specialist (JJS) will process payments on the service workers support system (SWSS) starting at the date of the initial placement.

PURPOSE

To ensure payments are processed in a timely fashion.

AUTHORITY

The Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, as amended, MCL 400.115a(1) (I).

PROCEDURE

The processing of payment for out-of-home placements and services includes the following:

- State foster care payments may be provided for Act 150 state wards in relative's home, family foster care, private agency family foster care, private child-caring institutions, independent living, county detention, out-of-state foster care or institutions, and for DHS-supervised delinquent court wards eligible for title IV-E funding in family foster care, private agency family foster care, private non-profit child-caring institutions, and out-of-state foster care or institutions.

Note: State foster care payments may only be made to child caring institutions providing treatment under contract with the Department of Human Services. If a court orders treatment of a youth in an institution with which the department has no contract, the court will be responsible for payment.

See Payment Resources in the Childrens Foster Care Manual (FOM) 900 Series, for detailed information on funding source eligibility and the procedures for these payments.

- Local payment from the county child care fund may be provided for DHS-supervised delinquent court wards in a relative's home, independent living, county detention or court treatment facility, and for DHS-supervised delinquent court wards not eligible for title IV-E funding in family foster care, private agency foster care, private child-caring institutions, out-of-state foster care or institutions.

- State funds are used to pay for services, items and programs needed by delinquent wards living at home to prevent family separation and to reunify the family as quickly as possible.